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**NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NEVADA SITE OFFICE  
(NNSA/NSO) ANNUAL NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)  
PLANNING SUMMARY**

Pursuant to DOE Order 451.1B, *National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Program*, NNSA/NSO is pleased to provide the enclosed NEPA Planning Summary, covering calendar year 2003. Inasmuch as DOE Order 451.1B requires submittal of the Annual NEPA Planning Summary to EH-1, please forward a copy to Assistant Secretary Beverly A. Cook. The document summarizes activities of the NNSA/NSO NEPA program, describing NEPA documents completed during calendar year 2003 and those continued into calendar year 2004.

If there are any questions regarding the NNSA/NSO NEPA program, please call Michael G. Skougard, NEPA Compliance Officer, at (702) 295-1759.

  
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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

This Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary has been prepared by the National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) pursuant to DOE Order 451.1B, requiring each Secretarial Officer and head of a field organization to prepare an annual NEPA planning summary and submit it to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE's) Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health. These summaries are to be made available to the public.

Annual NEPA planning summaries briefly describe the current status of NEPA analyses being conducted for proposed actions by the respective Secretarial offices and DOE field offices. These summaries include environmental assessments and environmental impact statements expected to be initiated in the next 12-24 months, and the estimated costs and schedules for their completion.

### **1.1 NEPA Compliance Officer**

Michael G. Skougard is the NEPA Compliance Officer for the NNSA/NSO. Readers who have questions or comments regarding the contents of this Planning Summary or who desire copies of any documents referred to herein may contact Mr. Skougard at telephone number (702) 295-1759. Mr. Skougard may also be reached at the following addresses:

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Readers not familiar with the DOE's established procedures used to ensure compliance with NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality "Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act" are referred to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1021, for DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures.

### **1.2 Public Reading Facility**

The NNSA/NSO maintains a Public Reading Facility that is now located at 755C East Flamingo, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119. All of the documents noted in this Planning Summary may be reviewed or obtained for review at the Facility. Mr. Jeff Gordon may be contacted at (702) 295-1623 for further information regarding

the Public Reading Facility. Mr. Gordon may also be reached by telefax at (702) 295-1624, or by internet address [gordonja@nv.doe.gov](mailto:gordonja@nv.doe.gov).

The Public Reading Facility hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on national holidays. Special hours may be scheduled by arrangement with Mr. Gordon.

## **2 OVERVIEW OF DOE/NV NEPA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES**

### **2.1 Summary of NEPA Compliance Activities Completed in CY 2003**

One Supplement Analysis to the NTS EIS was completed. There were no Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements completed in CY 2003 for the NTS. A description of the NEPA compliance activity that was completed in CY 2003 is presented in Table 1.

### **2.2 Status of Ongoing NEPA Compliance Activities**

One Environmental Assessment was initiated in CY 2003 and is in progress. A description of the Environmental Assessment is presented in Table 2. There were no Environmental Impact Statements initiated or ongoing in CY 2003 for the NTS.

Table 1

NNSA/NEVADA SITE OFFICE  
SUMMARY OF NEPA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN CY 2003:  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

<b>Title, Location</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Estimated NEPA Milestones</b>	<b>Description</b>
Supplement Analysis for Combating Terrorism Activities, Nevada Test Site		Determination Date: 11/03 Transmittal to State: 2/10/04 EA Approval: FONSI:	The NTS EIS Supplement Analysis (SA) for Combating Terrorism Activities was prepared in November, 2003 to collect and analyze sufficient information to determine whether: (1) The NTS EIS issued in 1996 should be supplemented; (2) a new EIS should be prepared; or (3) no further NEPA documentation would be required. The SA addressed upgrades to infrastructure and facilities as well as construction of new facilities to meet an increased need to support combating terrorism operational capabilities. Based on the analysis in the SA, NNSA/NSO determined that there were no substantial changes to the NTS EIS or Record of Decision or significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns, and that no supplemental EIS was needed.

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Table 2

NNSA/NEVADA SITE OFFICE  
ANNUAL NEPA PLANNING SUMMARY: CALENDAR YEARS 2004 AND 2005  
STATUS OF ONGOING NEPA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Title, Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated NEPA Milestones	Description
Use and Release of Biological Materials and Chemicals at the NTS		Determination Date: 10/01/03 Transmittal to State: NA EA Approval: FONSI:	This EA analyzes the impacts of chemical releases and the use of biological materials in various tests and experiments at the NTS. The EA also evaluates the impacts of modifying the release criteria for the Hazardous Materials Spill Center at the NTS.
		Determination Date: Transmittal to State: EA Approval: FONSI:	
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Total Number of Ongoing EAs: 1 Total Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_